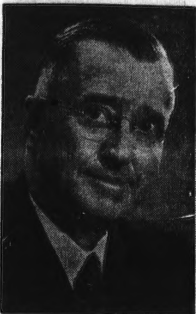


## STROKE PROVES FATAL TO MINISTER PUBLIC WORKS



HON. W. A. FOLLOW  
Minister of Public Works

who passed away in Edmonton on Monday. His death came as a shock to all citizens of Alberta. He is survived by his wife, four sons and one daughter. He had been a member of the Alberta cabinet as minister of public works since 1935.

## Easterly Echoes

Miss Allison Rome has been visiting in Edmonton this past week. Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart and family of Edmonton have been visiting at the home of the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Milne.

Miss Lillian McFarland of Viking is staying at the home of her brother, Mr. Allen McFarland.

We understand that little Connie Lynne Worthing is home again from hospital in Edmonton and that she will not lose the sight of her injured eye.

Mr. Dick Neufeld accompanied Mr. Worthing to Edmonton.

The next meeting of the Battle River W.I. will be at the home of Mrs. W. Patterson at 2:30 on May 11th. The roll call to be the same as last month's, draw Mrs. W. Sanders and Mr. M. Finner. All ladies interested are welcome.

Amateur photographers were busy recording the unheard of size of the flooded Battle River. King's Park was completely under water. On the north side the water was as high as past the intersection of the highway and the Fabyan trail with a seventy-five foot long spillway over the bridge. The bridge was not under water but the rushing stream was lapping at the floor boards.

The next Ladies Aid meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. H. L. Black on Thursday, May 13th at 3 o'clock. Mrs. G. Fenton will have charge of the devotionals, Mrs. Reed the topic. Hostesses, Mrs. C. Smallwood and Mrs. B. Long.



ON CLUB 15

Margaret Whiting, who sings Tuesdays and Thursdays on Club 15 with the Pied Pipers Quartet and Bob Crosby, Club 15 is heard Monday to Friday at 5:30 p.m. MDT on the CBC Dominion network. Miss Whiting alternates with the Andrews Sisters, who sing on the program the rest of the week. Daughter of a song-writer, Dick Whiting, she has been in radio since 1939.

## April Board Meeting Wainwright S.Div.

Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Friday, April 23rd, 1948. All members present.

Mrs. McLeod—That the minutes of the last meeting be adopted as read. Cd.

Spencer—That we forward to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Municipal Affairs a letter of protest in respect to the new legislation with regard to limitation of school requisitions from Municipalities. Cd.

Sanders—That we strongly protest the action of the Dept in permitting its pension fund contribution for teachers to be forwarded first to the School Division and then reforwarded to the Teachers' Retirement Fund Board. Cd.

McLeod—That we place an order with the Department of Health for Vitamin Capsules for the year 1948-49. Cd.

Report on Dormitory for the month of April, was read and discussed. Dormitory questionnaire was read to the Board and the answers as given by parents were considered. From the questionnaire, all parents favored the return of Mr. and Mrs. Carter as Supervisors for another year.

Lawson—That Mr. and Mrs. Carter be re-engaged as Supervisors providing that an agreement can be drawn up which will be satisfactory to both parties. Cd.

The secretary was instructed to draw an agreement re Dormitory Supervisors and submit same at the next meeting of the Board.

Sanders—That the letter from the Board of Trade at Vermilion re Vice-Regal visit in May be placed on file. Cd.

Spencer—That the Superintendent's Report be adopted. Cd.

Teachers Resignations: Mrs. M. Johnson, Ebyan; Mrs. L. Olson, Plaxtonville.

Teacher Applications: Miss M. Dalrymple, Saddle Hill; Miss M. Sweeney, Prosperity; Mr. P. Touchette, Plaxtonville; Mr. E. Carter, Fabyan; Miss A. Beer, Roseberry; Mr. C. Froehner, Doley; Mr. L. Girard, Coal Springs; Miss A. Smith, Old Ribstone; Mr. H. Kollas, Grange Dale; Mr. P. Tkachuk, Passchendale; Mr. K. McPherson, Killarney; Mr. O. Aykroyd, Butteville; Mrs. A. J. Bentley, transferred to Browning; Mr. Geo. Ferguson transferred from Butte to Sligo.

The following teachers will be in attendance at the Primary Reading Conference to be held in the Masonic Hall at Edmonton on Monday and Tuesday, May 3rd and 4th. Miss M. Hays, Miss L. Mabey, Mrs. V. Simmermon, Mrs. F. Devar, Mrs. B. A. McLean, Mrs. M. Whitby, Mrs. E. Comley, and Sr. St. Yvonne of the Separate school at Chauvin.

Plans for the new school at Chauvin are now under consideration by architect, Mr. P. Campbell-Hope and it is expected that something definite will be available at the next meeting of the Board on May 28th.

After considerable discussion re the barn at the House Lake it was decided that it would be moved to the new site and repaired. It is expected that this could be arranged for within the next few weeks.

Dormitory: Mr. and Mrs. Carter interviewed The Divisional Board with respect to contract for the coming year. Discussion took place re duties expected during the holiday season. The Board decided to meet part of the expenses of one Supervisor to attend the Short Course at Olds between June 30 and July 4th. Details of contract were reviewed.

Sanders—That this Board protest the action of the Municipal District No. 61 in raising the mill rate of the school division requisition from 19 mills to 21.5 mills seeing that any over collections do not have to be accounted for to the credit of the Wainwright school division No. 32. Cd.

Dixon—That we advertise in the 3 local papers that Debentures are not available at par, 4 1/2%. Inquiries may be made at the Divisional Office for details. Cd.

Dixon—That we advertise for

## Legion Members Hosts at Party

The Irma Branch of the Canadian Legion gave a party in Klaffer's Hall on the evening of April 28th. This party was for all those in Irma and district who had helped with Red Cross work or supported the cigarette and chocolate fund.

The first part of the evening was spent at card games which were supervised by Mr. A. C. Milne. These were followed by a program with Bob Kirkman as master of ceremonies. The first item was a duet and encore by Doreen and Don Simmermon accompanied by Mrs. Kirkman. Bob Kirkman then gave a French Canadian monologue dealing with the bewildering business of filling out income tax forms.

Messrs. R. Smith, C. Milne, R. McFarland, K. Coffin, R. Kirkman, E. Sharkey, A. Glasgow and E. Prosser then put on a skit to show how they believed a Red Cross quilting bee was carried on. If the Irma ladies ever have wished with Robbie Burns "O wad some power the giftie gie us to see ourselves as others see us," they certainly had that wish fulfilled right there and then.

The next item was a Legion quintette composed of Messrs. A. Glasgow, K. Coffin, E. Prosser, R. McFarland and R. Kirkman and accompanied by Mrs. Glasgow. Their touching rendition of "Lily Marlene" and sympathetic treatment of "Slap Her Down Again" brought forth a double encore. We think Ross should sing a tenor obligato in the Irma Ladies Choir.

Mrs. H. L. Black was called to the piano and a good hearty sing-song was enjoyed by all.

The Legion boys then served their guests a beautiful and delicious lunch. We understand they washed up all the dishes too.

The Bandettes all-girl orchestra had been in attendance all evening and had played many favorite numbers. After lunch the Bandettes again took their places and dancing was enjoyed until after midnight.

Speeches were made by A. Glasgow, president of the Legion, Mrs. R. McFarland, president of the Red Cross and Mrs. H. L. Black who had been in charge of the cigarette and chocolate fund.

It is regrettable that road conditions prevented many country residents from being present but this fine gesture on the part of the Legion is greatly appreciated and much thanks and credit is due the boys for a fine evening's entertainment.

tenders to build a new school in the Metropolitan school district No. 1737. Cd.

Mrs. McLeod—That tenders as received for the Coal-shed and teahouse at the Roros school be tabled until the next meeting of the Board. Cd.

Spencer—That we endorse the report of the Zone Branch No. 3 meeting held in Wainwright, on April 22, 1948 at the School Divisional Library. Cd.

Mrs. McLeod—That tender No. 1, in respect to the Wainwright Trafalgar, Greenshields Bus be awarded to A. S. Rattray Garage-man, of Wainwright at the rate of 29.5 cents per mile. Cd.

Dr. Folkings—That tender No. 1 in respect to the Chauvin, Roros and Edinglassie Bus routes be awarded to C. H. Reynolds, of Wainwright at the rate of 29.5 cents per mile on the understanding that the driver for the bus meet with the approval of the Divisional Board. Cd.

Dixon—That the matter of a stove for the Education Point school be left in the hands of Mr. Lawson. Cd.

Sanders—That accounts be paid in the amount of \$13,704.61 and that the same be recorded in the minutes. Cd.

Lawson—That we adjourn. Cd. Next meeting of the Board to be held on Friday, May 28th, beginning at 9 a.m.  
O. GRIFFITHS, Secretary.

## Items From Kinsella District

Will you please help this very worthy and needful cause, by giving your donation either to the secretary, Mrs. J. F. Murray, or leaving it at the Red & White store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Murphy of Viking were visitors at the home of Mrs. J. Murray last Tuesday.

Visitors to the city last week were Mr. and Mrs. E. Simmons and Jack, and Mrs. E. Mark. Raymond Johnston celebrated his seventeenth birthday, by entertaining a number of his relatives and friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Greenwood.

Mrs. J. F. Murray spent the weekend in the city with her cousin, Miss M. Aldridge.

The Ladies Aid will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday in the United church at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bowden are at present the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKie.

Joan Draper spent the weekend with her friend, Marilyn Paterson. Through the efforts of the local Junior Red Cross, who held a social evening in the school last Friday, the sum of \$60.00 was added to the Hall Fund. The members wish to thank everyone who kindly assisted in this undertaking. Whilst rizes were won by Jack Simmons and Mr. P. Mollier and Mrs. Alf. Wollen and Murray Davis. The door prize, a wool-embroidered cushion was won by Mr. Ed. Evans.

## SOW MORE BARLEY

From the Field Crops Branch of the Alberta Department of Agriculture comes a suggestion that more barley be sown. A late spring does not necessarily mean a late harvest with frozen crops, but since it is well to avoid unnecessary risk some change in the cropping programme may be advisable this year. There are indications that increased wheat acreage is planned on many farms. An early fall frost could make this unprofitable, particularly in central and northern parts of the province.

More barley can be grown to advantage this spring. Fields will be dry enough to cultivate until late, and there may be a tendency to rush in the wheat without first attempting to kill the young weed growth. One advantage of early maturing barley is that it can be seeded after growing out and destroying a crop or two of annual weeds.

Alberta farmers who are unable to obtain seed locally should see their District Agriculturists. Seed of Olli and Newal barley is available in car, truck or sack quantities already cleaned to seed grade. Information on barley supplies can also be had from the Field Crops Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture, Edmonton.

An official meeting of the Irma Sr. Baseball team will be held after practice on May 9th. Anyone interested in Senior Baseball is asked to attend.

## TENDERS FOR SCHOOL HOUSE Wainwright School Division No. 32

Sealed tenders will be received by the Board of Trustees of the above School Division at the office of the Secretary-Treasurer to noon on May 26th, 1948 for the erection of a one-roomed stucco-frame school building in the Metropolitan School District No. 1737, after plan No. A.E. 10-41.

Plans and specifications may be obtained from Secretary-Treasurer on payment of a deposit of \$5.00. Plans must be returned within 24 hours, and deposit will then be refunded. A marked cheque for five per cent of the amount of tender must be enclosed with each tender as a guarantee that same is bona fide. No tender will be considered without this cheque attached. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

OLIVER G. GRIFFITHS,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Wainwright, Alberta.  
Metropolitan School No. 1737,  
Nearest Station, Jarrow, miles distant, 5 miles. 7-14

## Southern Sayings

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wiese and their daughter Amy, have returned to their farm south of town.

Arthur Jackson who had been receiving medical treatment at Hardisty was rushed to an Edmonton hospital on Sunday last. Latest reports are that Arthur's condition is improving.

The dance at Strawberry Plains was well attended and everyone had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewart are down visiting with their sons, south of town.

Mrs. Gerald Scott who has been quite ill for several weeks was taken to Edmonton on Tuesday for further treatment.

## Northern Nuggets

Miss Freida Wright spent a brief visit at the Leigh Currie home before going to live in Edmonton.

Mrs. Ronald Clark, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cox and daughter, Patsy, spent last weekend with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Currie. It has been learned that Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bjork and family are not coming back to our district, for the present at least.

The bad weather and roads have had much to do with keeping folks at home, hence not much this week.

## SCHOOL DEBENTURES

Permission has now been received from the Board of Public Utility Commissioners for the sale of \$50,000 in Debentures for the purpose of erecting a 4-roomed school in the village of Chauvin. These debentures are available in \$500.00 and \$1,000.00 denominations and will be sold at par with interest at 4 1/2%, payable in 10 years. Inquiries may be made at the Divisional Office.

Oliver G. Griffiths,  
Wainwright School Div. 32

The regular meeting of the Irma A.F.U. Local will be held on Tuesday evening, May 11th at the High school. Anyone wishing to vote on the Amalgamation of A.F.U. and U.F.A. will have a chance to do so at this meeting.

## Irma Legion Organizes for Coming Season's Activities

The regular meeting of the Irma Branch of the Canadian Legion B.E.S.L. was held last Tuesday in the Legion Hall. It is encouraging to see some of the boys from the country out again and we feel sure that the next meeting will see many more present.

We were pleased to hear that the social held for the Red Cross and Cigarette Club workers was enjoyed by those in attendance. We regret, however, that there weren't more present as plans had been made for approximately 150 people. Will we ever get roads back to normal?

An invitation has been extended to the branch to send a representative and wife to the official opening of the Legion Memorial hall in Vermilion. There will be a large parade and the Governor-General will be present to officially open the new hall, after which there will be a large banquet for all officials. Our president, Cde. Glasgow was nominated as delegate from here.

It was also stated the Viscount Alexander would especially welcome an opportunity of seeing those who served under his command in the eighth army. We know there are several from this district who saw action in the Mediterranean area. If you would leave your names with our Secretary, Cde. Coffin, it would be appreciated. We would like to see as many veterans as possible go to Vermilion on May 25th for the grand celebration. Let's make arrangements early for this.

Our branch will again sponsor Irma Junior baseball activities. It is felt that the Juniors need leadership and physical activity and we have had very good co-operation with the Juniors in both baseball and hockey in the past seasons.

## At the Churches

IRMA GOSPEL MISSION

11 a.m.—S. School and Bible Class.

8 p.m. Hedley's hall—Topic for the evening, "Mother."

8 p.m. Wed.—Mid-week prayer meeting.

We welcome you to our services. Come and bring a friend.

Pastor—Geo. E. Warnock.

"For this child I prayed . . . as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord." 1 Sam 1:27, 28.

IRMA UNITED CHURCH

Strawberry Plains—11 a.m.

Albert—2 p.m.

Irma Sunday school—11 a.m.

Worship service—8 p.m. Topic, "A Mother's Wages."

There will also be a baptismal service.

The Revd. H. W. Inglis will be in charge.

A hearty invitation to all.

"Take this child and nurse it for me and I will give thee thy wages." Exodus 2:9.

## Community Cook Book



### ROLLED OAT COOKIES

3/4 cup shortening.

1/2 cup white sugar.

1/2 cup brown sugar.

1 egg.

1 1/2 cups fine rolled oats.

1 cup flour.

1/2 teasp. salt.

1/2 teasp. soda.

Vanilla to taste.

Roll in small balls, press with fork.

Mrs. Syd Smith, Toronto, Ont.

Dust the bronze ornaments well, and then rub them with a cloth moistened with sweet oil. Polish with a soft chamois until they shine and all stains are removed.



## "THE LAST POST FUND" FOR VETERANS IS DOMINION-WIDE

In December, 1908, an old veteran of the Crimean War who had given 21 years of his life to military service was taken into a Montreal hospital dying of starvation and exposure. He was destitute and far from his home and friends—if he had any. A few hours later his lifeless body was carried off to the ignominy of Potter's Field.

Many a warrior, in his lifetime decorated for bravery, had been consigned in just the same way to silence and obscurity. And many thousands more might have been abandoned to oblivion had it not been for an indignantly aroused orderly, himself a veteran of the South African War, who stood by helplessly as his comrade was taken away in such unmerited dishonor, writes James MacFarland in the Montreal Standard.

After being advised from all sides there were "no funds," either public or private, available for such contingencies, this hospital orderly, the late Arthur H. D. Hair, resolved that he would take it upon himself to see to it that in the future every deserving veteran would be granted a fitting burial and a hallowed resting place. Armed only with the righteousness of his conviction, he founded The Last Post Fund "to honor and protect in death those who had protected the nation's honor in life."

Today, The Last Post Fund is a chartered Dominion-wide body with branches in every province. Since its inception it has been responsible for the appropriate burial of more than 14,000 veterans, about 85 per cent. of whom were destitute, and has spent more than \$1,500,000 on this worthwhile work. It now has its own military cemetery, the 10-acre "Field of Honor" in Pointe Claire, a Montreal suburb, in which, very appropriately, Hair himself was laid to rest last July among 1,400 other fallen comrades; and it arranges for the proper interment of veterans throughout the entire country in 17 municipal cemeteries where separately maintained "military sections" have been set up.

### Field Of Honor

The Last Post Fund is reputed to be the only organization of its kind in the world, and the Field of Honor is said to be unique in the history of military necropolis. The Fund provides free burial and maintenance for any person, male or female, who has

served in His Majesty's forces who might otherwise be laid to rest in Potter's Field. Generals, holders of the Victoria Cross and privates rest side by side, and the simple grave marker contains only this information: his name, rank, unit and the year of birth and death.

In the early days, it was through the tireless efforts of Hair, who later became the Fund's full-time secretary-treasurer, that the organization succeeded in growing. He was aided by a group of generous public-spirited citizens who never once went to the public in open appeal.

In 1919, the federal government, faced with a problem it had not contemplated, found in the Last Post Fund a source of valuable assistance and advice on how to perpetuate the memory and valor of the nation's warrior dead. And three years later the government authorized an initial grant from which stemmed the present arrangement whereby the Dominion Government supplies the funds for the actual cost of burials and permanent markers.

In the past two decades, much of the Fund's phenomenal rise and nation-wide public approbation has been due to Norman Holland, Montreal paint company executive. A small man with boundless energy and administration ability, Holland became interested in the Fund during World War I. For the past nine years he has been president of both the Dominion Council whose headquarters are at 502 Inspector street, Montreal, and the Provincial Branch.

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While countless societies and philanthropies continue to exist in the interest of the living, the Last Post Fund will continue to devote its interests to those who cannot speak for themselves.—St. Thomas Times Journal.

## All-Canadian Creations For Spring



Of all-Canadian design and material these three creations were shown at a recent fashion show. Left is a plaid jacket called "Canadian carousel" designed to go with slacks or skirt. Centre, an "Easter parade plaid" in a three-quarter length coat with harmonizing wool dress. Right, angora wool in beige or gray makes this plainly cut spring coat.

### Princess' Gown, Will Go On Tour

LONDON.—When Britain's most popular show—the exhibition of Princess Elizabeth's wedding presents at St. James's Palace—ended recently, a total of 261,832 people had passed through the five state rooms in which the presents had been on public view since December 1.

They had come at the rate of a steady 3,000 a day, content to spend hours waiting for the doors to open at 10 a.m. each day, and it took them an average of 75 minutes to view the array.

On many mornings the queues started forming at 8 o'clock. Total takings at the exhibition since it opened have exceeded \$52,000. From this must be deducted expenses, such as lighting, cleaning, pay for attendants, and insurance.

The balance will be given to charities to be chosen by the Princess and her husband. Now that the exhibition at St. James's Palace has closed, the wedding dress will be placed on view for a time at Holyrood House, Edinburgh, and afterwards at Cardiff and Belfast.

The wind causes the waves in the ocean. Waves are ripples like the small ones caused by a breeze across a pond, but on a larger scale.

### New Look Still Good In Paris

PARIS.—Narrow waists, longer and fuller skirts and increased décolletage, featured models introduced by leading Paris fashion houses at their preliminary spring shows.

The shows carried on the "new look" introduced by Parisian fashion houses two seasons ago. Jean Dessès, an outstanding designer from last season's collection made full use of his new waist treatment, which provided a slight hip with a rounded and padded appearance without looking bulky, flowing down into a graceful full skirt.

Skirts are longer, reaching to approximately 10 inches from the floor. Dresses made navy blue his predominating color for day wear, followed by a range of crimson and clear reds. He used prints both alone and combined with plain colors.

His suits, on youthful lines, have full skirts and tiny peplum jackets with cutaway fronts revealing crisp touches of white.

Lucien Lelong, one of the foremost French fashion designers, showed a wide range of Parisian models, every one of which accentuated the feminine figure.

The big great coat still figures largely in the spring scene.

### Keeps On Paying Overpaid Debt

EBENSBURG, Pa.—Clerk of Court Joseph Weses wishes he could locate Mike Budyos and get him to stop sending in those one-dollar payments every week.

Weses said that in 1937 Budyos was ordered by the court to pay a \$128.27 doctor bill. Since then, Budyos had been mailing in a dollar every week from various addresses—and now the total amounts to \$570.

The last payment was postmarked Newton Falls, O., but as usual the letter returning the dollar was sent back marked "Address unknown."

### TWO WOMEN SET PET DOG AFIRE

GASTONIA, N.C.—Two women were under arrest on charges of setting their German shepherd dog afire.

Police said the women told them they had poured chlorine bleaching on the dog, then applied a match. They gave no reason for their act.

The howling shepherd fled through the streets and lay dying behind a store when police destroyed it.

## Farmers Of Australia May Get Refund

MELBOURNE, Australia.—The Commonwealth government will refund \$14,000,000 to wheatgrowers from the price stabilizing fund if the participating countries ratify the international wheat agreement.

This repayment will represent the total contributions to the fund from the proceeds of the 1946-47 crop.

It will leave about \$36,800,000 in the stabilization fund but it is expected this amount will be doubled by contributions from the proceeds of the 1947-48 crop in which event an additional refund will probably be made to growers since the government fixed \$64,000,000 as the basic figure for the fund and with guaranteed international prices the need for such a fund is diminished.

The Commonwealth government is still awaiting agreement with state governments on its plans for continued control of wheat-growing. It is pointed out that the need for such an agreement is urgent.

### GAVE GOOD ADVICE TO BOY WITNESS

A young boy in the witness box was so much at ease and answering the questions put to him so fluently that the judge was suspicious.

"Did anyone tell you what to say in court before you came here?" he asked.

"Oh, yes, sir," replied the boy.

Counsel for the prosecution was up in arms at once.

"I felt this witness had been tampered with," he snapped.

The judge turned to the boy.

"Will you tell me," he said, "who told you what to say?"

"My father, sir," answered the boy.

"He said the lawyers would try to get me all tangled up, but if I stuck to the truth I would be quite all right."

### GEMS OF THOUGHT

#### DILIGENCE

We want not just, but diligence, for great performances.—Dr. Samuel Johnson.

When the archer misses the centre of the target he turns around and seeks for the cause of his failure within himself.—Confucius.

Few men are lacking in capacity, but they fail because they are lacking in application.—Calvin Coolidge.

Success in life depends upon persistent effort, upon the improvement of one's mind more than upon any other one thing.—Mary Baker Eddy.

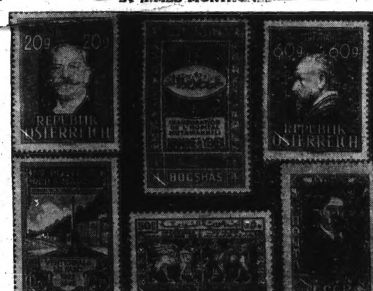
If you have great talents, industry will improve them; if not moderate abilities, industry will supply their deficiencies.—Samuel Smiles.

Industry is not only the instrument of improvement, but the foundation of pleasure.—Hugh Blair.

Greenland, the largest island in the world, belongs to Denmark.

## : STAMP-CORNER :

By JAMES MONTAGNES



—Stamps courtesy Imperial Stamp Shop, Toronto.

Austria recently issued two stamps to composer Carl Michael Ziehrer (top left), and to artist Friedrich von Amerling (top right). Yemen issued a set recently to the opening of a new hospital (top centre). The small republic of San Marino issued stamps to 50 years of fascism in 1942. The stamps only recently having arrived in Canada (lower left). Syria issued a set to an Arab archaeological congress held recently (lower centre). Russia has issued a stamp to artist Surikov on the centenary of his birth (lower right).

In the political news in recent weeks has been the European republic of Finland, a stamp issuing country well known to Canadian philatelists. Finland's many Red Cross and child welfare sets are favorites with North American collectors.

Finland first issued stamps in 1856 as part of the Russian Empire, its stamps featuring the coat-of-arms of the grand duchy. Its stamps changed little in the years, the Russian Imperial coat-of-arms replacing that of Finland in 1891. The early coat-of-arms design returned in a modern form in 1917, when a republic was formed, breaking away from Russia.

Since then Finland has issued many fine pictorial stamps, starting with the issue of 1928. Much of Finland has been shown on pictorial stamps, and many films of note in fields of statecraft, education, science, the arts and military circles, have since appeared on stamps of the republic.

Finland began issuing semi-postal stamps in 1922, and practically all of the issues have featured the Red Cross, and shown events in Finland's history and men and women in her history. Sports have also appeared on the stamps, especially on issues of 1938 and 1945. Child welfare has come in for a number of these semi-postal sets, at least one of which has been issued every year since 1930. Most recent child welfare sets, issued last year, feature pictures of how to care for a newborn baby. Native industries have also been featured on the semi-postal stamps, on issues of 1941 and 1946, showing farming scenes, fishing, logging and construction.

Airmail stamps appeared in 1930

and 1944, the latter showing a modern tri-engine aircraft in flight.

Who's Who on Stamps...Jan Sibelius, Finnish composer, best known for his tone poem "Finlandia," was honored with a stamp in 1945 on his 80th birthday. Born in Finland, his music has practically all featured and interpreted his country. Still living, he is paid a pension by a grateful country, so that he can be free to write music about this Scandinavian people.

New issues...Panama is issuing an eight value airmail set to heroes of the 1903 revolution which brought independence to Panama from rule by Colombia...Germany is to issue stamps to the Leipzig Trade Fair...Romania is to issue a stamp to mark 75th anniversary of engraving plant where postage stamps are printed...Czechoslovakia is issuing stamps showing dancing girls to the Sokol Congress next July, to the 60th anniversary of Charles University, and to the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the republic...Venezuela is issuing airmail stamps with bust of Columbus, marking 450th anniversary of the discovery of the South American mainland...Poland has issued new airmail stamps.

### CHURCH BELLS

The introduction of bells into Christian churches is usually ascribed to Paulinus, Bishop of Nola, in Campania in 333-431, but a century later there is no evidence of their existence. That they were first made in Campania is inferred from their name—campanae, hence campanile, the bell tower.

### Rare Pink Diamond Was Wedding Gift

LONDON.—Princess Elizabeth recently inspected the rare 54-carat pink diamond given her as a wedding present by Dr. H. T. Williams, formerly of Montreal, who owns rich diamond mines in Tanganyika. Princess Elizabeth saw the stone cut into a round brilliant jewel, showing off and color.

An official of the factory cutting the diamond said the work on the stone was "about one-third completed, and that even the best diamond merchants were unable to assess its value," but I am sure it would run into the five figures."

Diamond experts in the famous Hatton Garden area of London say the diamond is likely to become one of the world's most famous stones but much depends on the cutting. "Some of the most valuable diamonds in the world have come from Tanganyika and I have no doubt this one will be exceptionally valuable," one expert said.

### LOW-RENT HOME TO BE OFFICIALLY OPENED

Modern apartment suites rent for \$16 to \$21 a month in this building was officially opened recently. It is a low-rental housing unit built exclusively for old-age pensioners, veterans on partial pension or widows on mothers' allowances.



Burlington, Ont., folk opened a three-story brick apartment building in the opinion of top federal housing officials at Ottawa, represents a challenge to the heart and social conscience of every community in Canada. Hughes Cleaver, M.P. (above), told old-age pensioners at Burlington of the new homes which are to be available.

## ON THE SIDE —By E. V. Durling

You Mary, with this ring I wed,  
So sixteen years ago I said  
Behold another ring! "For what?"  
To wed you o'er again why not?  
With the first ring I married youth,  
Grace, beauty, innocence and truth  
You by merit have since disclosed  
Yourself to be twice the woman I supposed  
I plead that double merit now.  
To justify a double vow.

—Samuel Bishop.

(The highly romantic idea as outlined above by Mr. Bishop indicates Chicago has not a monopoly on wonderful husbands. Keep it in mind for your next wedding anniversary. Still perhaps your matrimonial mate wouldn't care for another ring. In that case you could give her a diamond bracelet, a mink coat or some other little token of your romantic esteem).

Joe E. Ryba of El Centro, Calif., continues to claim to be the world's fastest shaver. Joe, a tonsorialist by trade, says he can shave in eight and two-tenths seconds. He challenges all comers and welcomes investigation and checking of his claim.

Do women understand men better than men understand women? A group of Manhattan intellectuals, male and female, recently spent an evening arguing this question. As usual, when this query is discussed, much nonsense is voiced. Experienced women understand men very well, inexperienced females such as co-eds, bachelorettes, etc., do not. That's why young widows and divorcees usually win out in a husband hunting competition with a woman who has never been married. Experienced men understand women just as well as experienced women understand men. An experienced man usually wins a battle for a beauty from a fellow whose knowledge of the female sex is superficial.

### PAID MODELS

Sylvia Shelley of London is one of the highest paid models in the world. The measurements of the symmetrical Miss Shelley are as follows: height 5 ft. 7 in., weight 126 lbs., bust 34 in., waist 24 in., hips 35 in., thigh 19 in., knee 13 in., ankle 8 in., shoes size six. Get out the tape measure, mister, and check your wife's measurements. How do you know, you may have some high class model material in your home. Outstanding models earn from \$200 to \$300 a week. Perhaps your wife could be a model and hire a maid to do the housework. Maybe she could even make enough to enable you to stop working and thus be able to devote more time to your racing system.

### CATS AND DOGS

Cats and dogs are supposed to be great enemies. A canary's life is believed to be in danger in the vicinity of a cat. Yet Vera DeBelle of Minneapolis has three pets who are great friends; a cat, a canary and a dog. The canary has been trained to sit on the cat's head.

### WISE HORSE

The country's greatest "Jockey" is Eddie Arcaro, the Cincinnati Italian. That I readily admit. However, I question the statement of several sportscribes that Eddie "rated" Talon in his recent victory in Santa Anita's "one hundred grander." The noble animal rated himself. Not only did he rate himself but he picked the holes to go through. In addition to that, Talon, as the photographs will show, actually stuck his head through a way to make his nose reach the wire before the snaffle of the second horse. There are some horses like that. Exterminator was one. The jockeys always let "Old Bones" plan and run his own race. Yes, sir, horses are almost as smart as dogs. Not many, of course, but some.



## OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

## Rufe Finds Katy

By T. W. TOBIN

RUFÉ LARKINS was in trouble, but he didn't know why. He knew he was in love but he didn't know that love was causing him trouble. That's what love does to people.

It was Saturday night in the little town of Belleville, and as usual Rufe had driven the twelve miles from the farm to get shaved, buy some chewing tobacco and some nails. What he really came to town for was to see Katy McCullum.

There were others there, too, farmers just like himself, in town to buy a few things and to talk crops. Rufe seldom talked crops. He'd just listen, chew his tobacco and lean up against the front of the post office which was just across the street from old Bob McCullum's hardware store where Katy worked.

Rufe was tall and thin. His face was normally sad. His eyes reminded one of a baby's bloodshot eyes.

Every Saturday night, rain or no, Rufe loaded up on chewing tobacco, got a barber shop shave and bought some nails. He didn't need the nails. There were plenty at home, but when he bought nails he got to talk to Katy McCullum.

"What are you going to do with all these nails, Rufe?" Katy would ask.

"Oh, I got a little fixin' up to do on the corn crib," he'd answer.

"Seems like you fixed that corn crib last month," Katy would say as she weighed out a pound or so.

"No, that was the hog pen or the windmill, I forget which."

One Saturday night, the little group in front of the post office was smaller than usual. When Rufe got there his heart seemed to stop—the hardware store was closed.

"Well, Rufe, how's things out your way?" asked Farmer Jones.

"All right, I guess. What's the matter with the hardware store?"

"Old McCullum closed up early so Katy could go to the carnival."

"Where's the carnival?" asked Rufe.

"Why, you came by it comin' to town."

"Come to think of it I did see a bunch of lights and tents at the edge of town but didn't pay any attention," said Rufe.

Rufe suddenly had business elsewhere. He turned and walked up the street to his car. He just had to see Katy, carnival or no carnival. Her smile and sweet voice made the world go around.

Minutes later he was in his car and driving back the way he had come. As he drove he chewed tobacco and thought of Katy. In his mind's eye he could see her as she always was—dark blue eyes the color of new overalls, hair a kind of sorrel color and skin the same shade as skimmed milk. Oh, she was a girl in a thousand. And polite, too.

Soon Rufe saw the lights of the carnival up ahead and turned off the road and parked his car. Before him was the carnival—music, lights, side-shows, sawdust, hot dogs and people. Funny he hadn't noticed it as he drove by before. Thinking about Katy did that.

Rufe didn't even know what he'd say to Katy when and if he saw her. His usual brand of conversation consisted in buying nails. What he'd say to her in carnival he didn't know, but he was going to try.

"One side, follow, and let the lady buy," said a harsh voice behind him. Rufe turned to see a city fellow probably from the carnival with a girl on his arm. The girl was Katy.

"Why, hello, Katy," Rufe managed to mutter.

"Hello, Rufe, want to buy some nails tonight?" said Katy, giving him her best smile.

"Nails! Ha, Ha, that's a laugh," said the stranger.

"It don't seem funny to me," said Rufe.

"Come on, Katy, let's go over and see the show," said the stranger, and they disappeared in the crowd.

Rufe, not knowing what to do, went over to a stand which had a man with his head stuck through a hole in a canvas. People were throwing baseballs trying to hit him on the head. Nobody succeeded. Rufe bought some balls and tried his skill. He had thrown a few balls, all of which missed their mark, when he heard loud voices. The stand was deserted except for himself and he looked about to see who it was. Over to the side were Katy and the stranger and they seemed to be arguing about something. Finally, Rufe heard Katy say she was going home and the stranger said she wasn't.

Rufe laid down the balls and walked over to them. "What's the matter, Katy?" he asked.

"What's it to you, String Bean?" said the stranger.

"You'll find out," said Rufe. "If you don't let Katy alone."

"Oh, I will, huh?" said the stranger, as he pulled out a long knife.

"Look out, Rufe, he's got a knife," said Katy.

Rufe looked at the knife and stepped forward. The stranger made a slash and Rufe stepped back minus an overall button. Rufe chewed his tobacco, sized the stranger up and down and stepped in again. This time the stranger wasn't going to miss with the knife. He started to make a slash and that was as far as he got. For suddenly he was rubbing his eyes and suddenly a fist hit him in the jaw and flattened him. Suddenly, too, the knife was taken from him.

"Rufe, you're wonderful," cried Katy as she threw her arms around the now beaming farmer, "but you shouldn't squirt tobacco juice in people's eyes."

Rufe made no answer for a moment but just stood there. Suddenly he began to get paler every minute.

"What's the matter, Rufe? Did he hurt you?" asked Katy.

"No, Katy," answered Rufe, "but when you threw your arms around me like that—I swallowed my tobacco."

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## Government Discusses Building Railway In Northern Manitoba

OTTAWA.—Manitoba's prospective nickel-copper mines at Lynn Lake far up the western border of the province came briefly before the house of commons railways and shipping committee. R. S. Moore, C.E.F., member for Churchill, asked about the possibilities of building a railway into that region in view of the active and promising mineral exploration now going on up there.

But, R. C. Vaughan, C.N.R. president, thought it a bit premature to be talking about a railway to Lynn Lake. "It's a big job," he said. "It would cost millions." The project was "some distance in the future yet."

Then, the representations have been made yet?" Mr. Moore enquired.

"No," replied Mr. Vaughan.

Such a railway, if it came, would presumably be an extension of the present line from the Hudson Bay railway to Sherridon, most northerly railway point in the western Manitoba mineral area. It would have to cross the Churchill river on its way to Lynn Lake.

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## FUELS COMING, HOWE HINTS

There is nothing to indicate that Canada will have to ration gasoline this year, R. H. C. D. Howe, minister of reconstruction and supply, told the house of commons at Ottawa. "I know of no circumstance this year which makes rationing any more likely than last year or the year before," he said. "The government is taking every precaution to see that nothing interferes with the normal movement, and at the moment I do not anticipate the need for gasoline rationing next winter."

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## Biggest Dam Project Attempted By Canadians

By T. R. MELVILLE-NESS

Central Press Canadian

SASKATOON, Sask.—Important milestone in the giant \$15-million irrigation scheme, the St. Mary-Milk River development in southern Alberta, was made recently when two crews working on the diversion tunnel met in the middle and completed the 2,100-foot project.

When the last six-foot wall was blasted out, and the smoke and dust cleared away, there were several signs of relief. One emerged from Engineer Wally Foss, P.E.R.A. man in charge of the biggest dam project yet attempted by Canadians, and the other from the contractor who undertook the big job a year and a half ago. The two sections of the tunnel lined up almost perfectly, with scarcely an inch out either way.

## Soon Completed

The work of lining the tunnel with concrete, started some time ago, will be completed this spring, and the river water diverted through the tunnel. Bed of the river, where the big dam is to be located will be drained, and the main part of the project carried out.

The diversion tunnel, which will be about 20 feet in finished diameter after lining, employed an average crew of 100 men since October, 1946. The irrigation tunnel, now started, will be 2,500 feet in length, with finished diameter of 17 feet. This will carry water from the reservoir to the irrigation canal.

The St. Mary-Milk River project when completed will almost double the present irrigated area in southern Alberta, and is the largest project yet undertaken by P.E.R.A.



Upper portal of the St. Mary diversion tunnel, through which water will be flowing this spring. Bed of the river will be drained along the area which the dam will occupy and work of the main structure will be under way along this summer.

## Western Briefs

VANCOUVER.—Luxury in maternity transportation is offered in a new service launched by Point Grey Transportation Co., which has inaugurated a limousine maternity service patterned after services operating in major U.S. cities. Qualified driver-attendants will operate the 24-hour service.

ROSSLAND, B.C.—A full week of winter carnival, scheduled for Rossland in February, 1949. At a meeting here, it was decided to hold the annual Rossland "Sno-Sho" during the same week as the Western Canada Ski Championships at the Red Mountain Ski Fields February 10 to 13.

WINNIPEG.—Burglars dropped through a skylight of a business establishment here one night, knocked the dial off a safe, and peeled the back off with a crowbar. Then they scooped out the entire contents of the safe—20 cents.

EDMONTON.—Works Minister, Fallow announced an all-weather road from Edmonton through northern Alberta to British Columbia is scheduled to be completed this year.

CALGARY.—Allan Poyntz Patrick, Calgary's grand old man and pioneer surveyor, died just three months short of the century mark. Mr. Patrick, born in Montreal-July 18, 1848, came west with a survey party in 1878.

ELKHORN, Man.—With many roads in the district impassable Dr. A. D. McLean, son of the late Dr. Nell John McLean, of Winnipeg, gets out into the country to see his patients in a hurry. He uses an airplane.

BRANDON, Man.—As the eastern starting point for a big motor caravan to Nelson, B.C., Brandon will play a major part in its organization. E. A. McGill, secretary of the Brandon chamber of commerce stated here. Western starting point is Victoria, B.C., and the two groups will leave on May 24 to meet in Nelson on May 27.

SEVEN-FOOT CLUB  
TORONTO.—Seven feet tall? Then you're a candidate for membership in Toronto's newly-formed Top Toppers Club. To qualify, women must be at least five feet 11 inches, men six feet two inches.

TIMELY WARNING  
Muscles that have not been extensively used all winter should not be overtaxed now that good weather is here say health authorities. Spring usually brings a little ambition—but take exercise gradually.

## Happy Customer Tips Waitress \$100

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## Export Bacon Price Raised

OTTAWA.—The meat board announced an increase of 25 cents per 100 pounds in the price it pays for bacon for export to the United Kingdom.

The increase applies to all grades and weights of Wiltshire sides and other export cuts. It means a price of \$36.45 per 100 pounds for number one selection A grade Wiltshire sides of sizeable weights delivered Canadian seaboard.

The Board's price increase will not raise the cost of bacon to the United Kingdom, the announcement said. The Board will pay the increase out of its reserves accumulated as a result of lowered operating costs due to peacetime resumption of more regular shipments and prompt handling of bacon.

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## World of Wheat

by  
H. G. L. Strange  
Director "The Crop Testing Plan"

### THE DELAYED SEEDING

Seeding this year in general over the prairies will be greatly delayed owing, in the main, to a backward spring, and in certain areas to flooded land. The delay in seeding, however, is not as serious these days as it would have been ten years ago. New earlier maturing varieties have picked up five days between seeding and harvesting. Most farmers, too, can put in their seed much faster than they used to do ten years ago. Farmers used to consider seeding had to start about April 20th. This means that if seeding starts this year around May 1st, then in general the crops will be harvested around the same date as they would have been if seeding had started on April 20th ten years ago. Any delay in the start of seeding after May 1st, however, means that the crop will incur increased risks of being damaged by early fall frosts.

For the information of the readers of this column, here are the dates at which seeding started on these prairies in past years: In 1940 April 24th, in 1941, April 23; in 1942, May 6th; in 1943, April 21st; in 1944, April 19th; in 1945, May 2nd; in 1946, May 8th; in 1947 April 17th.

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### CONTROL/OF WEEDS BY 2, 4-D IN GROWING CROPS

(Experimental Farm News)  
There is much promise with 2, 4-D as a means of controlling weeds in growing crops. It is, however, of first importance to remember that it may damage very young cereal grains and flax. For this reason it should not be applied until the crops have been up for three weeks or until the cereal crops are five inches tall or flax four inches tall, says H. A. Friesen, Dominion Experimental Station, Scott, Sask. For economy and safety, treatment after the cereals reach the late shot blade and flax the late bud stage is not recommended.

Weeds vary greatly in their reaction to 2, 4-D. Common weeds such as wild mustard, stinkweed, tumbling, ball and Indian mustard are very susceptible to 2, 4-D. Russian thistle, lambs' quarters, Russian pigweed, tumble weed, red-root pigweed, blue burr and har-ear mustard are only moderately susceptible. Weeds such as cow cockle, peppergrass, wild buckwheat, wild oats and the fox tails are quite resistant.

Weeds are most susceptible to 2, 4-D when very young. Stinkweed is so until it begins to flower, after which time its resistance rapidly increases, until it is difficult to kill when in the pod or seed stage. Similarly, Russian thistle which is susceptible when small becomes quite resistant soon after it develops side branches and begins to grow extensively.

### PRODUCER



ERNEST MORGAN, who will produce and direct the CBC's broadcasts of 13 Gilbert and Sullivan operettas to be heard on the Dominion network, beginning Tuesday, May 4. Morgan has directed many broadcasts on CBC domestic networks, including Wednesday night features and programs of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. He recently added to his work the duties of CBC International Service representative in Toronto, and as such is responsible for producing many programs for shortwave broadcasts.

### HARRISON TO HEAD BARLEY INSTITUTE

Prof. T. J. Harrison, Assistant for Manitoba to the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, has resigned to accept a position as head of the new Barley Improvement Institute to start operations this year. His resignation is effective from May 1st.

Prof. Harrison for the last two years had also been chairman of the National Barley Contest Committee which organized and carried out the \$25.00 barley competitions of 1946 and 1947, sponsored by the brewing and malting industries.

The council of a small city in the States, about the size of Edmonton started to install parking meters. Farmers began to rebel at the idea of paying for a parking place for their car when they go to a trading centre. The councilors suddenly changed their mind when they heard from the farmers. This could happen in Edmonton where they are going to install parking meters. To say the least, parking meters are a nuisance to the average motorist. What Edmonton needs is a few more parking lots for visitors and out of town shoppers.

## Human Interest Stories

by Douglas W. Smith  
Public Relations Officer, Canadian  
Legion, B.E.S.L.



I wish you could have been with me when the Legion and other veterans organizations went to Parliament Hill to present their requests for increased pensions.

Seated in the large committee room were the representatives of the people of Canada. On the walls were huge pictures of the Fathers of Confederation - Moulders of Canada. The great doors opened. In came the defenders of Canada.

Some were blind and led by sympathetic comrades. Some were on crutches and others limped on artificial limbs; while bringing up the rear in wheel chairs were those who will never walk.

Prior to their entry the babble was that of any group. When the doors opened, unfinished sentences floated into nothingness and all was quiet. Here were the youths of yesterday. Broken, maimed and blind. Most of them had journeyed from great distances—painful miles. Their presence spoke volumes of untold suffering and personal sacrifice. The bodies might have sagged, but I wish you could have seen the heads. High they were as only the brave, proud and independent can hold theirs. I tried hard to control the lump in my throat.

They had come as mute reminders. Reminders that a nation in the hour of dire peril had promised them that no matter what happened, they and theirs would always be taken care of. And now this nation needed to be reminded that all was not well in the disabled veterans camp.

True it was that none of them was starving. True it was also that they were just existing. Correct it was that their pension income was based on the amount the lowest paid labourer receives. True it was that they had been promised much and received little.

All over the land bed-ridden veterans were anxiously awaiting word of their efforts. No one can adequately describe the frustrated feelings of a once strong man lying helpless on his back while his family has to exist on the lowest level of subsistence.

Calmly and reasonably the veterans put forth their case. They gave examples. One of their number was minus both legs, one arm, one eye and was deaf. I asked myself, what could life possibly hold for such a man?

And yet they joked. "Fragments," they called themselves. One chap laughed about the artificial arm he had been given to wear. He couldn't feel anything with it and as he was also blind he couldn't see the objects. So it was useless. "However," he added, "if I can't see anything perhaps I would make a good politician."

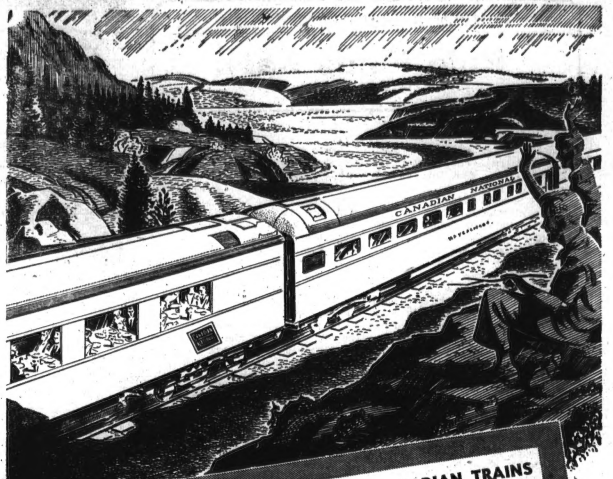
I hope they get what they are looking for. Their demands are modest in the extreme. This I do know. No amount of money can ever compensate a man for the loss of his limbs or health. For my money, ten times what they are asking is not half enough.

### MAN-MADE RAIN

Hawaiian scientists succeeded in making one-eighth of an inch of artificial rain fall on pineapple fields by sprinkling moisture-laden clouds with granulated dry ice dropped from an airplane.

Artificial rainfall has been produced in different parts of the United States by various scientific means. It has been definitely established that where conditions are right, rain can be precipitated from moisture-laden clouds.

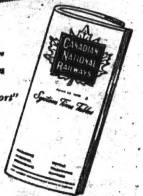
It may be looking too far into the future, but the time may come when man-made rains will relieve drought spells in the prairies of Western Canada. Quite often in the midst of a prolonged drought, moisture-laden clouds pass over this area, but no rain falls because such clouds are not met by a cold northern front. Most of the rainfall in Western Canada is brought about by moisture-laden southern winds being driven upward by a cold front from the north. —Wheat Pool Budget.



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"As a citizen and high state official, I do not agree with methods by which this government in Czechoslovakia has been formed. This is a government created by force and not by the free will of the people."—Dr. Frantisek Necmec.



## J. E. Brownlee To Head United Grain Growers Limited



J. E. BROWNLEE, K.C.

R. S. LAW

J. E. Brownlee, K.C., former premier of Alberta, has been elected President and General Manager of United Grain Growers Ltd., succeeding R. S. Law who has resigned for reasons of health. It has been announced from the Company's office at Winnipeg.

R. C. Brown, managing director of the Country Guide and Public Press, succeeds Mr. Brownlee as First Vice-President, and J. Harvey Lane of Fillmore, Sask., continues as Second Vice-President. George E. Edworthy is manager of the Company's Western Division at Calgary.

Mr. Brownlee has been associated with the U.G.G. as legal adviser since 1912. In 1942 he became a member of the Board of Directors, First Vice-President and General Counsel. In January, 1948, he assumed the duties of General Manager.

Coming from Plymouth, England, in 1911, Mr. Law farmed at Claresholm and soon became active in the organized farm movement. He joined the U.G.G. in 1921, becoming Secretary of the Company the following year. In 1929 he was elected a director and First Vice-President, succeeding the Hon. T. A. Crerar as President and General Manager in 1930. During the past year Mr. Law has been on extended leave of absence taken at the insistence of the Board of Directors of the Company who hoped he would be able to continue in office. Acting on medical advice, Mr. Law recently decided to retire from active business. He will leave shortly for residence in England and intends to reside in Calgary on his return.

### CLEANING SEED GRAIN

(Experimental Farms News)  
Seeding time is not far distant, yet much of the grain intended for seeding is still uncleared. In the event of an early spring farmers will be rushed, and much of the seed planted may be below the ordinary standards for seed.

At the Dominion Experimental Station, Morden, Man., says W. J. Breakley, where up to 15,000 bushels of grain is cleaned for seed for farmers each year, the big rush is always a few weeks prior to seeding.

Cleaners are so designed that the top sieves are generally used as a scalper, to permit the bulk of the chaff and trash to pass over the screen, while the grain falls through the perforations. In order to clean seed efficiently, the work should not be rushed. Screens of the correct size for each kind and variety of grain should be properly fitted, the fanning mill firmly attached to a base, and the cleaner run at a constant, uniform speed.

Many different makes of machines are now on the market, with special types for cleaning different kinds of grain containing varied seeds.

### BARLEY IMPROVEMENT IS AIM OF NEW INSTITUTE

With its sights trained on making barley the King of Grain in Canada, the new Barley Improvement Institute, with head office in Winnipeg, started operations May 1st.

The Institute has a long range program which in general includes the improvement of agronomic and malting quality and at the same time extending markets for and uses of Canadian barley.

Headed by a nationally known barley authority, Prof. T. J. Harrison, the Institute will not encroach upon work of any organization servicing the barley industry. It is designed to assist the various agencies now operating and at the same time encourage other institutions to undertake work on barley improvement.

Prof. Harrison since 1939, has been assistant for Manitoba to the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada. He has resigned his position to become director of the Institute.

Its work will be in three divisions. The general program for each is:

1. RESEARCH: (a) The Institute will assist in training research workers. To encourage graduates of universities to undertake advanced study in barley research, five scholarships will be offered each year. Scholarships will be good in any Canadian university undertaking barley research.

(b) Recognizing that the greatest need in the barley industry is for barley varieties with good malting qualities and better agronomic properties, the Institute will assist in this work by aid to plant breeders at approved institutions. By this means it can expand this branch of its work and perhaps hasten development of better varieties.

(c) While plant breeders can evaluate agronomic qualities of new selections, not many are equipped to determine malting quality of the grain. In the past this has been done by the grain research laboratory of the Board of Grain Commissioners at Winnipeg. This laboratory is not equipped to handle a large number of prediction tests and has asked to be relieved of some of the work. The Institute plans to establish a routine testing laboratory in connection with its head office.

(d) Studies will be encouraged in genetics, physiology, ecology, and plant geography, along with phvco-chemical studies of malt.

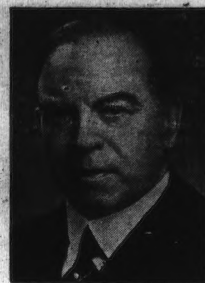
2. BARLEY ECONOMICS: The Institute will assist in studies on cost of production on farms, extended use and markets for barley, extended uses for malt, and studies on grading and handling of barley suitable for various industries.

3. BARLEY EXTENSION: (a) The National Barley Contest, started in 1946, will be continued in 1948. There will be two competitions, one for commercial grain and one for seed.

(b) Exhibits will be held at agricultural fairs. Bulletins written by barley scientists will be distributed. Films will be produced on barley production and processing.

(c) Assistance will be given in seed distribution, seed processing and treatment.

The Institute is financed by the brewing and malting industries of Canada. Slightly more than a third of a million dollars has been made



St. Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING, Prime Minister

### MACKENZIE KING BREAKS RECORD IN PUBLIC LIFE

Last week Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King took his seat in the House of Commons to the cheering of his followers and was congratulated on all sides by friends and opponents as the head of a democratic government who has held office longer than any man in a similar post of responsibility. His record in office has exceeded that of Sir Robert Walpole, who was prime minister in the British parliament from 1721 to 1742.

As the veteran Liberal leader nears the climax of his career—his resignation from office next August—he can look back with satisfaction on one of the most eventful and revolutionary eras in the world's history and review his part—no mean achievement—in the tremendous developments in his own country and abroad. Mr. King has been a Canadian first of all and devoted his great gifts and energies for the well-being of Canadians during his long and useful public service.

Canadians, regardless of party, creed or race this week pay eager tribute to the Prime Minister and wish him continued long life and happiness. Canada has few rewards for faithful service beyond the lasting honor and affection of her people, but Mr. King will have a full share of these as he nears the end of his public life. He could have had a knighthood long ago if he had wanted it, but he has elected to go down in the history of his country as a plain citizen who served the people faithfully.

### GLARE LIGHTS ARE WORST ROAD MENACE

Stressing the need for observance of greater safety on the highways, officials of the Alberta Motor Association have drawn attention in particular to glare headlights.

Last year there were 3,597 accidents on provincial highways in which the damage exceeded \$25. In many of these accidents, glare headlights undoubtedly provided the cause.

Surveys in the U.S. show that glare is the No. 1 enemy of night driving motorists.

The report revealed that 33½ per cent of motorists on the highway at night either forget or refuse to dim their headlights for approaching cars or when they come close up behind another vehicle.

Also, it has been established that hazards of night-time driving are greatly increased by the large number of cars with lights incorrectly adjusted or with one or more lights blacked-out.

Forty-three states and the District of Columbia have legislation which covers dimming. Five states do not require it.

In Alberta the R.C.M.P. already is making a check of cars with glare headlights as such lights are a violation of the provincial statute.

### BE CAREFUL

Farming is rated among the hazardous occupations. The rates charged by the accident insurance companies bear out that statement. Now that the busy season is at hand, farmers should make up their minds to exercise the greatest care in order that accidents may be prevented. Farmers should become impressed with the importance of being careful. It may take a few minutes longer to be careful, but it may save a life or a long period of time in the hospital.

Membership for the first 5-year period.

Membership will be representatives of the contributing firms. There will be board of directors elected by the members, and an assisting advisory committee composed of barley scientists, economists and extension workers, on which will be representatives of Canadian universities, Dominion and Provincial departments of agriculture and other organizations interested in barley improvement.

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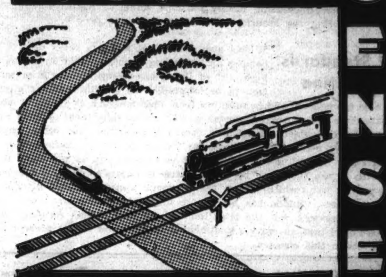
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The government has already given consideration to the inauguration of a system of Driver Training and Testing. All who are interested in reducing the toll of death and injury on our roads will endorse such a plan, and will join with the A.M.A. in urging its speedy adoption.

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### CLEARING UP THE WEATHER

"Watch this map and T.V. explain why we had that sunny weekend," GIL CLARKE (right) of the Dominion Public Weather Service, tells BILL BESSEY, CBC announcer, just before a broadcast

of Clarke's weekly program, "Clearing Up the Weather." (Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. on stations of the Trans-Canada network). The weatherman refers to this meteorological map on each broadcast.

### VIKING ITEMS

The grade six and seven pupils of Viking Intermediate school, have collected thirty dollars for "Jimmy's Fund," who is nine years old, a boy who is going blind.

The Serving Tray, raffled by Mrs. Evans for the Red Cross was won by Mrs. Brickman. The ticket was drawn by H. Nordstrom and the number was 101.

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Anglican W.A. will be held May 15th at the home of Mrs. Smith. Hostesses, Mrs. Cotter and Mrs. Smith.

Don Place, local mechanic at the

Hafso Bros. Garage, attended a mechanic's school of the Ford Motor Company of Canada in Calgary last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Eaket of Edmonton were visitors in Viking last week.

Miss Marjorie Taylor, nurse in training at the Misericordia hospital, Edmonton, is home for a three weeks holiday.

Hockey fans who saw the Ottawa Senators defeat the Flyers at Edmonton Saturday evening were Stubby Trueman, Lumir Dobry, Jack Loughlin, Mrs. McIntyre and son Allan, Charles Maxwell, and Les Brown.

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## High Living Costs

**DURING THE PAST YEAR** there has been considerable concern over the rising cost of living in Canada. Such conditions as now exist were to be expected after price controls and other anti-inflation measures, enforced during the war, were removed. It was inevitable that these controls should be removed, but it is regrettable that the resulting adjustment is proving a difficult one for many Canadians. Recently the Family Welfare Division of the Canadian Welfare Council made a survey throughout the Dominion of the effects of rising living costs on the average Canadian family, and the results of this survey show that there is indeed cause for anxiety over some aspects of this problem. Although incomes have increased and there is little unemployment, it was evident from the report that many families are experiencing great difficulty in meeting present price levels.

### Feel A Lack Of Security

As a result of this situation, the Welfare Council reported, in many cases savings, which had been put aside for emergencies or for use in later years, had been drawn upon to augment the family income at this time. The use of these reserves, and inability to continue any systematic savings because of the high cost of living, has given rise to feelings of insecurity which are harmful to the welfare of the family. In this connection the report said in part "the never-ending struggle to stretch an inadequate income to meet basic costs will in time be frustrating to even the most stable men and women, increasing family tensions, affecting health and in some cases endangering the security of children and aged people."

### Low Standards Of Nutrition

It was also noted that in some cases debt is becoming an increasing problem, while in others the high cost of living is causing standards of nutrition to be lowered, with results that are already noticeable in children, and in sufferers from diseases such as diabetes, where adequate diets are of great importance. The re-establishment of some price controls, unemployment insurance, family allowances and other similar measures were pointed out as possible "shock absorbers" in relieving the present situation, but it is realized that underlying causes will have to be dealt with before there can be any permanent improvement. The problem is a complex one, resulting from the economic upheaval which always accompanied war. Canada has been more fortunate than many other countries in this respect, but the situation here is nevertheless serious, and it is to be hoped that an early adjustment may be found to the present high price levels in this country.

### Duke Of Windsor As Drummer Boy

**WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va.**—The Duke of Windsor, after 29 years, played a record performance here with the Greenbrier hotel orchestra.

He sat in at the drums using a pair of sticks presented him by leader Meyer Davis, as the musicians played *How Are Things in Glocca Morra?*

Davis called the duke to the orchestra stand during an intermission in a diamond ball held as feature of a gala weekend party attended by more than 300 leaders of business, government, society, the motion picture world and sports.

The group, described by society reporters as the largest gathering of the so-called "top drawer" in their experience, were the guests of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, owners of the Greenbrier.

**NEW TB TREATMENT**  
**CANBERRA**—Combining a new drug, streptomycin, and new rest therapy, eight young doctors here report "staggering" successes in treatment of TB. In the last year about 85 per cent. of the patients treated (mostly veterans) were cured.

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### Farmers Dugouts By Thousands

In the 12 years from 1935 to 1947, prairie farmers constructed 27,916 dugouts. Assistance in the cost of these dugouts was given by the Dominion Government and averaged \$105 each.

Of the total, 18,338 dugouts were completed in Saskatchewan, 8,206 in Manitoba, and 1,372 in Alberta. Construction of dugouts reached its peak in the year 1946-47, when 4,945 were built. This was a little better than one hundred times as many as the 49 that were built in the 12 months of 1935-36, the first period of operations under the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act.

A typical dugout to hold a year's supply of water generally measures 160 feet in length, about 60 feet wide at the top and from 10-12 feet in depth. The average depth between 350,000 and 390,000 Imperial gallons. Allowing for evaporation and seepage, this means an effective capacity of 300,000 to 240,000 gallons. Dugouts may be excavated by horse-drawn, tractor-drawn or heavy earth moving equipment. They require no engineering skill other than careful selection of a site where water is likely to collect from the Spring run-off of snow. While the usual purpose of the dugout is stock watering, it can also be used for household purposes and to irrigate gardens.

The widespread use of dugouts on prairie farms has greatly improved living conditions and helped to solve production problems where water from wells is either impossible to obtain, or unsuitable, or too costly to develop.

### Switzerland Worried Over Canadian Trade

**OTTAWA**—Little Switzerland is worried about her trade with Canada. Government sources said the Swiss have notified the Canadian Government "they are worried about this country's dollar-saving trade restrictions. These were put into effect last November and operate against the Swiss as well as other countries. Switzerland has a favorable balance of trade with the Dominion."

A spokesman here said Canada has to pay in "hard" currency—U.S. dollars or Swiss francs—for what she buys from Switzerland. Because of her dwindling hard currency reserves, Canada has had to step down her imports from Switzerland. "The Swiss don't like it," said the spokesman. 2774



**CHAMPION GROUP OF FIVE STEERS** at Edmonton Spring Show were exhibited by Milner & Steer, North Edmonton, Alta. Edmonton's 37th annual Spring livestock show drew a record entry of more than 1,600 animals and topped last year's peak proceeds of a quarter million by \$25,000. More than 1,000 head of fat stock and over 100 boys' and girls' calves were exhibited and sold. "For quality and numbers the stock has been the best in all Canada," said Lee Williams, head of Weller & Williams and a past president of Edmonton Exhibition Association which sponsored it.

### Anticipates Heavy Immigration By Air

**OTTAWA**—A heavy movement of immigrants by air to Canada this year is certain. Trade Minister Howe told the Canadian Press. The movement would be at least as great as last year.

Mr. Howe said in a statement that during the last 12 months TCA has carried 11,637 westbound passengers across the Atlantic.

The cabinet has before it suggestions for machinery to facilitate the air movement. The question it must decide is whether the Trans-Canada Air Lines will remain simply the carrier of the air-borne settlers and leave to the immigration offices overseas the sole responsibility for smoothing the way for the immigrants.

"We are anxious that at least 50 per cent. of the immigrants come from the United Kingdom," Mr. Howe said. There was no shortage of applications from would-be immigrants.

Recent returns show that the TCA now has 16 first class Canadian-built planes available for the Trans-Atlantic run and one source has estimated such a fleet could bring over more than 20,000 immigrants in addition to looking after the regular traffic.

### Cooks \$2,000 Bank Roll To Ashes

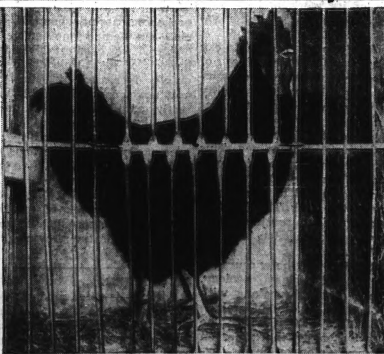
**SHREVEPORT, La.**—A \$2,000 bank roll that Travis McCreary hid in a cook stove at his home appeared perfectly safe from hold-up men.

Who would go to a cook stove looking for money? But McCreary, a grocer at nearby Rodessa, forgot to tell his wife about his cache when he put the money in the oven while the banks were closed.

Came supper-time preparation—soon after lighting the stove his wife smelled smoke. Investigation revealed a pile of parched folding money, by that time little more than ashes.

### WATCH YOUR POSTAGE ON AIR MAIL LETTERS

Short paid air mail letters to Europe will no longer be sent by air and the recipients charged double the deficiency, according to postal officials. They will now be sent by surface despatch. The air mail rate to Europe is 15 cents per quarter ounce.



**FIRST PRIZE R.I. Red cockerel** at the Manitoba Winter Fair, Brandon, owned by the W. D. Davis, Neepawa, Man.

### THE TILERS



## Introduce New Aids To Jobless

**OTTAWA**—The commons took a peek into Canada's industrial future and decided it was a good idea to make provision for any depression that may lie ahead.

The chamber gave preliminary approval to two pieces of legislation aimed at easing the shock of unemployment.

One will broaden the scope of vocational training by extending it to persons who have exhausted unemployment insurance benefits and to others who have not been working at jobs covered by insurance regulations.

The other increases the maximum benefit for married persons under the unemployment insurance act from \$14.40 to \$18.30 a week, payment for single persons to be boosted from \$12.30 to \$14.40 a week.

### Alberta Agriculture Dean Heads Group

**OTTAWA**—Dr. R. D. Sinclair, dean of the faculty of agriculture at the University of Alberta, has been elected president of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, it was announced.

J. C. Hackney of Vancouver has been elected a director for a two-year term. He is Canadian director of farm market relations incorporated. Others to serve two-year terms as directors include F. N. Miller of Olds, Alta., and Dr. L. C. Paul of Saskatoon.

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—By Les Carroll



## National Research Council

## Experiment With Machine That May Cut Butter-Making Costs

OTTAWA.—Behind a battery of test-tubes in the National Research Council's applied biology division, chemists are experimenting with a machine calculated to cut butter production costs 70 per cent.

They also are figuring out a way to reduce meat discoloration and have perfected a sugar-egg powder which will be helpful in the cake-baking industry.

In fact the day may come when the Canadian housewife will be able to lift the egg into her batter, right along with the other dry ingredients.

Dr. J. A. Pearce, who has conducted investigations, predicts a "very promising" post-war export of the new food. Describing the powder as a "wartime baby", he told how food chemists first began working on it in the early war years.

While at that time the dried eggs shipped overseas could be "scrumbled", they were not equal to fresh

eggs in baking until chemists tried adding sugar.

"Not only did the sugar maintain the 'keeping' quality of the product, but it turned it into a fine baking ingredient," said Dr. Pearce.

Scientists in the council are studying a machine which already has proved capable of producing 3,000 pounds of butter an hour, five times as much as the average churning unit.

The Fritz butter-making machine came from Germany a year ago as part of Canada's reparations credits.

## Widespread Prospecting Seen In B.C. And Yukon

VANCOUVER.—Widespread search for radio-active minerals in B.C. and the Yukon is expected, an announcement in Ottawa that private prospecting and development of radio-active ores now will be allowed.

Officials of the B.C. and Yukon Chamber of Mines said the Ottawa statement "is good news."

Radio-active minerals have been found in the province, but since 1943 "there was no percentage for prospectors even to think about it."

Now that the Federal Government intends to encourage such prospecting by guaranteeing to buy for the next five years all uranium ore and concentrate produced, mining officials here said private interests "will go after it."

The government has guaranteed a minimum price of \$27.50 a pound for ore of specified uranium content.

Trade Minister Howe, making the statement, said: "The government now is satisfied it is in the best interest of Canada that restrictions against private prospecting and development of radio-active minerals should be removed."

It is known that there is carnotite—a member of the uranium family—on Quadra Island and in the Kootenay. Officials of the Chamber of Mines said "there must be radio-active minerals" elsewhere.

Prospectors have had indications of these ores, but "haven't bothered with them up to now."

## Edmonton Woman Gives Hope To The Sightless

EDMONTON.—Annie J. Fisher hasn't seen a kitchen in 30 years. She hasn't seen anything since the day in Boston when she was struck in the eye by a snowball. She is blind and also deaf.

But Miss Fisher is an instructor and has taught more than 1,000 sightless people in northern and central Alberta. She can take a blind, despairing mother and teach her once again to tend a stove, cook and run a household. And she's proficient at knitting, crocheting, bead-work, leathercraft, basketry, cane-weaving, typing, writing and reading Braille and Moon type.

She has been a "home teacher" for 25 years—as long as any blind person engaged in the same work in Canada. Her despair is not her double handicap—it's that the lack of proper facilities, equipment and space keep her from teaching as many as she might.

"Sympathy—public or otherwise—is not what blind people want," she says. "Support which would make it possible for them to re-adjust their lives through training and reassurance is what they actually need."

As for herself—Miss Fisher considers herself lucky.

"I think I am. When my sight suddenly went I attended a training school for the blind in Boston. Certainly I missed my old friends and activities but I didn't suffer the let-down that so often accompanies blindness. I liked the training, was interested, and re-adjustment came easily."

## Helpful Hints

Fine organdy is being used for some of the most charming of the spring blouses. Tucks and Val lace are the usual trimming combinations. They're fresh, crisp, and so easily laundered.

To remove candle wax stains from a tablecloth, scrape off as much as you can with a dull knife or spatula. Put the stained areas between white blotters and press for several minutes with a warm iron, changing the blotters as they become soiled. If the stain remains, sponge with carbon tetrachloride.

## SPEED OF SOUND

Sound travels through hot summer air (100 deg. F.) at 1,266 feet a second. In zero weather sound flies through dry air at 1,059 to 1,150 feet a second.



**SUPER-CIGARETTE AND MADE FROM CANADIAN TOBACCO.**—A portion of the long "smoke" displayed when Canada's Governor-General visited Montreal and told war veterans who helped to make it. His own memoirs of the Mediterranean campaign might not be "so well written but at least they're true." Much rubbish has been told about those battles. Left to right: Air Vice Marshal Frank McGill C.B., ADC to the field marshal; Viscount Alexander, Miss Anita Cloutier, machine supervisor and Earle Spafford, Imperial Tobacco president. Each foot of the cigarette "rod", such as that shown, nets Canada's national treasury about 4½ cents in taxes.

**Health LEAGUE OF CANADA presents TOPICS OF VITAL INTEREST**

## IMPOSSIBLE TO DISSOLVE GALL STONES SAYS DOCTOR

There has never been any method devised which will dissolve gall stones. It is stated by Dr. Hagar Hethington, prominent Toronto gastroenterologist, in an article in the "Diseases of Middle Age" section of the March-April issue of Health, official magazine of the Health League of Canada.

"People have been misled for years with regard to this fact," Dr. Hethington writes. "It cannot be stressed enough that the only way to dispose of gall stones is to remove them surgically."

The writer states that a patient with chronic inflammation of the gall bladder, with stones, who has had his gall bladder removed can be fairly sure of having the rest of his life free from indigestion caused by the gall bladder condition. He says, however, that "unfortunately the same good results are not always assured when a diseased gall bladder without stones is removed."

For that reason, he writes, medical management of patients with chronic cholecystitis (inflammation of the bladder) where no stones are present is preferable. The treatment of the disease is not easy. Dr. Hethington states that there are differences of opinion amongst physicians of experience as to the proper dietary regimes that should be followed, and the places which fats, cathartics and various choleagogues (bile medicines) play in the relief of this condition.

"Since most patients with chronic gall bladder disease are overweight, a diet low in carbohydrates and fats will benefit the patient by reducing both the weight and the degree of dyspepsia," he writes. "There is uniformity of treatment ends. Each patient must be considered a particular problem. There is no doubt, however, that properly handled, the gall bladder sufferer can obtain a large measure of relief."

Dr. Hethington says of the gall



**NO LONGER 'BLUE GIRL'**—Rita Alexander, 17, Toronto "could dance with joy" over what has happened to her in the past month. A blue baby doomed to die before her 21st birthday, Rita is now planning a "whole new life." She underwent an operation at the skilled hands of a world-famous surgeon, "a blue-baby doctor", and already she is looking forward to her first dance.

## Britain Eases Travel Ban For Holidays

LONDON.—British holiday-makers now may visit Austria, Denmark, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal and Switzerland after May 1.

Sir Stafford Cripps, chancellor of the exchequer, told the Commons each adult be allowed £35 (\$140) and each child £25 (\$100) to spend abroad.

Sir Stafford said the list of countries to which travel would now be permitted was not necessarily final.

## EATS BEARD AND ALL

REGINA.—When Jack Morton, an actor in a drama festival here, was required to eat a piece of bread and butter during performance of a play, he found he had bitten off part of his "beard". Without batting an eye, he chewed up the beard and swallowed it with the bread.

bladder—the function of which is to supply bile to the intestine when it is required for digestion—"that it is an organ inoffensive in childhood and youth but produces symptoms of wide variety amongst the middle aged." Its victims are found mostly among women who have had one or more children.

## GARDEN NOTES

Try Something New

One should remember that the business of improving flowers and vegetables does not stand still. There are strains and types today that were not in existence before the war, and each year there are some brand new varieties. It is a sound rule to try something new each season. In this way variety and interest will be added to the garden. Even the old standards like Golden Bantam corn and Rosy Morn Petunias, to mention only two, have been vastly improved. Plant breeders are constantly striving for new colours, more disease resistance and harder and earlier plants. Much interest and value can be added to the garden by trying two or three new varieties or types of vegetables and flowers each year.

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Descriptions in the seed catalogues are based on actual fact. The pictures are actual photographs and any gardener of reasonable experience can reproduce them faithfully in his own backyard.

In addition, there will be found in most Canadian catalogues a lot of useful information regarding season, time of flowering or, in the case of maturity, time of reaching maturity.

Experts advise also some of the government bulletins covering local conditions. Armed with this literature and good seed, satisfaction is guaranteed.

## These Take More Room

Where the garden is small, big growing things like corn, peas, tomatoes, potatoes and other large vegetables create a problem. Unlike lettuce, spinach, beans, carrots, etc., which can be fitted into rows only twelve to fifteen inches apart, these others take up at least twice as much space. Corn, tomatoes, and potatoes need from eighteen inches to two feet between hills for plants. For enough green peas for a meal from each picking thirty feet of row, and preferably fifty, will be necessary.

## THE SPORT WORLD

Janex Pold, Yugoslavian Olympic ski jumper, sailed 393 feet 8½ inches at Belgrade but was denied a world record because he dragged his right hand in the snow on landing.

The 1948 Stanley Cup Playoffs will mark Detroit Red Wings ninth straight appearance in the spring classic. No other team can boast a similar record for the same period.

The United States Hockey league has added a new penalty to its rules—"uplifting". The penalty is invoked when a player "appears" an opponent from behind with the blade of his stick.

Larry Kwong, a Chinese-Canadian youth from Vernon, B.C., stepped into New York Rangers uniform at Montreal to play against the Canadiens, and thus become the first player of his race ever to play in the N.H.L. Larry starred in Vancouver in 1945 as a member of the senior amateur St. Regis Hotel team.

Bill Durnan, Montreal Canadiens' goalkeeper received his first penalty in five seasons of N.H.L. play on March 3 at Toronto. He was given a major penalty for slugging Gus Morrison. Durnan did not serve the penalty but a penalty shot was awarded against him. Max Bentley took the shot but failed to score.

To keep in touch with Canadian athletes and sports attention is directed to the special offer given by the Canadian Sports Digest on another page in this issue. The April issue of the magazine carries an article revealing Canada's great baseball pitcher, Phil Marchildon, and other articles dealing with hockey and curling.

Ernie McCullough, Calgary sprinter now attending Notre Dame University at South Bend, Ind., definitely intends to compete in Canada's Olympic track and field team, his father said. McCullough, unbeaten in the 440-yard event at several U.S. university indoor meets this winter, climaxed his string of successes by capturing the important Central Conference 440-yard title at Lansing, Michigan, recently.

Princeton, B.C.—Princeton's ski hill has everything that Switzerland's famed ski runs have, but it needs a lot of work done on it. That's the opinion of a man who should know— skier Reggie Irwin, who represented Canada at the recent Olympics. He found ski courses in Switzerland and Austria longer and faster than the local ones. But with improvements, Princeton's run could match them, he said.

## F.I.L.A. Loans Farmers Millions Without Loss

Annual Report for 1947 Reveals 39,387 Loans Made To Date Since 1945

The Farm Improvement Loans Act has loaned \$31,381,742 to the farmers of Canada through 39,387 loans from the chartered banks of Canada since 1945. This information was contained in the 1947 report of the Act which was tabled in the House of Commons by the Hon. Douglas Abbott, Minister of Finance. For the third consecutive year no losses or claims have accrued to the Government in the loaning operations of this Act designed to assist farmers in making farm improvements through intermediate and short term loans. During 1947 loans were made to 22,048 farmers for a total volume of \$16,160,521. This represents an increase of 9 millions over last year and 10 millions over the loaning in 1945 during the first 10 months of the Act.

**Farm Implements And Trucks**

Eighty-three per cent. of all loans made in 1947 were for the purchase of farm implements. These loans totaled \$15,211,231, representing an estimated sales volume of \$35,340,628. The report states that 20 per cent. of all tractors and combines sold in Canada were financed under the Act. It is pointed out that these loans, together with regular bank loans, are responsible for a major change in recent years in the traditional method of financing farm implement purchases and it is suggested that this change "should find reflection in contribution costs and hence in the price of farm implements."

## Farm Building And Housing

F.I.L.A. facilitated the loaning of more than one and a half million dollars for farm building in 1947, of which 22 per cent. was for new farm homes. The amount represented for the erection of new farm dwellings exceeded \$485,000 through 387 loans.

Loans for the construction of farm utility buildings in 1947, however, were twice the number as those for new homes. Some \$1,050,000 were made to the amount of \$50,000, or the construction of new barns, sheds and various other types of farm utility buildings.

## Clearing And Breaking

The report also states that one of the primary objectives of F.I.L.A. has been to make available to farmers and land settlers funds for their use in developing new agricultural areas. In 1947 farmers throughout Canada secured 1,356 loans to an amount of \$522,344 for the purpose of clearing and breaking new land. As a result of this loaning \$1,050,000 of land heretofore unemployed were put to crop usage. Since the inception of the Act 2,468 loans have been effected, which total \$10,500 for the purpose of clearing and breaking new land resulting in a total of 123,860 acres of new farm land.

The loaning in 1947 by provinces is shown below:

	No.	Amount
Alberta	8,169	\$ 6,537,872.92
Saskatchewan	7,798	6,484,263.64
Manitoba	3,237	2,515,262.19
Ontario	1,878	1,848,830.96
British Col.	525	444,078.50
Quebec	315	246,966.81
Nova Scotia	56	46,223.20
N.B.	55	48,222.25
P.E.I.	15	11,431.00
	22,048	\$18,160,521.47

## FIVE-SHIP NAVAL FLEET TO PATROL WEST COAST

VANCOUVER.—A five-ship naval fleet will patrol Canada's west coast, Vice-Admiral Harold T. Grant, chief of the Canadian Naval Staff, said here.

The fleet will comprise one cruiser, three destroyers and one frigate.

## Failure To "Stop, Look And Listen" Killed 182 In 1947

OTTAWA.—Stop! Look! Listen! Failure to act on the traditional warning at level crossings last year killed 182 persons and injured 638, the Board of Transport Commissioners noted in its annual report.

The commissioners said, however, that only 75 of the level crossing accidents occurred at spots where the tracks are protected by warning devices. The bulk—367—happened at unprotected crossings.

Railway accidents investigated by the board during 1947 caused the deaths of 416 persons and injured 3,023. There were a total of 2,533 railway accidents, 985 more than in 1946.

The report also disclosed that locomotives caused 502 fires along the 13,685 miles of line which run through forest country, despite the special anti-fire patrols maintained by the railways. The fires burned 15,800 acres of timber and buildings valued at \$35,092.

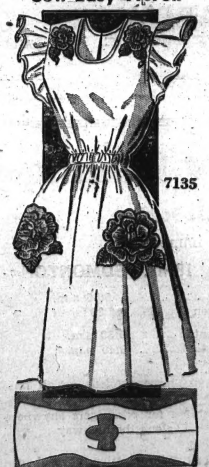
## CITY CLERK REALLY FOLLOWED THE RULES

In a Pacific Coast town an earthquake rocked the city hall while the aldermen were in session. They left without bothering about the usual formalities.

The clerk, a man of rules and regulations, was hard put to give his minutes the proper official tone. Finally he evolved this masterpiece:

"On motion of the city hall, the council adjourned."

## Sew-Easy Apron



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ONE PICTURE! That's all there is to this wonderful overall apron! Gay rose appliques decorate shoulders and pose as pockets, too.

Anyone can make this pretty overall. Have several! Pattern 7135; embroidery transfer; pattern piece. Our improved pattern—visual with easy-to-see charts and photos, and complete directions—makes needle work easy.

To obtain this pattern send twenty-five cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) to Household Arts Department, Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermot Avenue E., Winnipeg, Man. Be sure to write plainly your Name, Address and Pattern Number.

## Smile of the Week—

Secretary: "A man called here to thrash you a few minutes ago." Editor: "What did you tell him?" Secretary: "I told him I was sorry you weren't in."



## Children's Summer Wear For School, Play or Dress

### Sweaters

● Gay jersey knit candy stripe sweaters for the little ones. In sizes 2, 4, 6. Band neck, long sleeves. Easy to wash. 98c  
Priced at ..... 1.25

● Boys' cotton school sweaters. Smart patterns. In sizes 8 to 12. Good strong garments. 1.25  
Priced at ..... 1.25

● Candy stripe cotton sweaters for the bigger boys and girls. Gay, colorful patterns, fast to washing. Good quality. Sizes 8 to 12. 1.19  
Priced at ..... 1.19

### Boys' Shirts

● Belmont boys' shirts in navy blue chambray. Good quality cloth, fast blue, one pocket. Well made throughout. 1.49  
Sizes 12 to 14. Priced at ..... 1.49

● Boys' heather homespun cotton shirts. Good looking and sturdy. Wash up nicely. Sizes 12 to 14. 1.95  
Priced at ..... 1.95

● HERE IS A HOT SPECIAL

### Little Boys' Jackets

For boys 2 to 8. Made from high grade sharkskin in assorted bright colors. Club style with wool knit band, collar and cuffs. Extra special at 2.98

### Jackets for School or Sunday School, Work or Play

● Boys' sturdy doeskin jackets in navy, brown or green grounds with contrasting trim. A serviceable spring jacket. 2.29  
With zipper front 3.49  
At ..... 3.49



● Boys' cotton cheviot windbreaker. Nice fawn shade, lovely fine cloth full zipper front, 2 button-down pockets. Special at 2.98  
Sizes 6-10. 3.25

● Boys' club jackets. In herringbone stripe cotton cheviot. Raglan shoulders, two pockets, knit collar, cuff and waist band. Fawn with cocoa, and airforce with royal. Sizes 6 to 18. At ..... 3.75

### Small Boys' Picnic Pants

● Sizes 4 to 6 only. Very neat check, fawn and brown pattern. Sturdy tweed. Deep elastic back, cuff bottoms. Special at \$2.50

### Running Shoes

● New model. Sizes 1 to 5 in a Speedway shoe. This shoe is made by a new moulded process which absolutely frees the inside of the shoe from chafing seams. Slant cut top. Special ground grip, non-marking 2.00  
soles. Per pair ..... 2.00

### Overalls

● Kiddies' overalls of good weight sanforized drill in navy or brown. Fancy trim, buttons and pockets. Sizes 3 to 8. 1.79  
Priced at ..... 1.79

## Solid Leather Work Shoes

Field work demands strong, sturdy shoes if you are to keep your feet comfortable and be economical. Work shoes are a little higher than last year and we guarantee you the same substantial, long wearing, good solid leather work shoes that we have sold you for the past thirty years.

● Men's brown whole stock Bolivian kip Greb shoes. Round toe with a full wide swing last. Solid leather insole and slip sole. No. 1 oak bend outsole, triple stitched outside pocket counter. Sizes and half sizes. Per pair 7.95



● Men's black Bolivian kip whole stock work boot by Greb. Rubber heel, solid leather insole and slip sole and No. 1 oak bend outsole. Bellows tongue. Plain toe or toe cap. Sizes and half sizes. Priced at per pair 7.95

### Girls' and Women's Slacks

● Girls' sanforized heavy drill navy slacks. Button side, double belt. In sizes 8 to 12. 2.50  
Priced at ..... 2.50

● Women's heavy navy drill sanforized slacks. Slide side, double belt, riveted. Sizes 16 to 20. 3.49  
Sizes 22 to 24. 3.95  
Priced at ..... 3.95

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**FOR SALE**  
One registered Hereford bull. Age 4 years. L. H. Bars, phone 714. 30-7p

**FOR SALE**  
A quantity of Early Ohio potatoes for sale. Apply S. Congdon Sr., one half mile south of Irma. 30p

**FOR SALE**  
One K3 I.H.C. truck, only 2000 miles on new motor, two sets of wheels, one set 16 inch wheels with tires, also one set 20 inch wheels with tires. —C. L. Feero. 7-14p

**FOR SALE**  
No. 33 4 1/2 ft. Cockshutt tiller. In good condition. Price \$350. A. Cairns, Irma. 7p

**FOR SALE**  
One heavy John Deere 7 1/2 ft. tiller No. 700B with seed box and attachments, also one T20 I.H.C. Catt. —C. L. Feero. 7-14p

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One high beam break plow, 22 in. or 24 in. —C. L. Feero. 7-14p

**FOR SALE**  
New 20-run drill; new 24-run drill. —Simmons & Son, Kinsella. 7-14p

## LOCALS

Quite a number of Irma residents journeyed down to the Fabyan bridge to watch the river in flood. Highway traffic is banned at the bridge at time of writing. The Bank of Montreal was unable to open its Irma branch on Tuesday. Ernie Carter was a visitor at Irma last week.

Congratulations are due Miss Almira Hill who has graduated as a nurse from the Misericordia hospital and has also passed her R.N. examinations.

Mrs. S. Smith, formerly Kathleen Knowles sent us our Community Cook Book recipe this week. How about some of our other readers from a distance who might have some pet recipes to share with us.

Mrs. R. McFarland accompanied her sister, Mrs. G. Scott from Hardisty to Edmonton early this week. Mrs. Scott who has been quite ill for the past two weeks has been removed to an Edmonton hospital.

Mrs. A. Owen is a patient in Wainwright hospital.

Miss Vera Simmermon spent last weekend at her home here.

Mervin Lovig was taken ill again after his return from hospital last week and had to be returned where an emergency appendectomy was performed. Mervin is now convalescing favorably.

Col. Rohrer, who has been visiting at the home of his son here for the last two weeks left Irma on Monday to return to Stettler.

### IRMA GRADE 8 SPORTY SPOTLIGHTS HOLD PARTY

On March 30th the Irma Grade eight and nine school club returned a party to the Wainwright Co-Workers Club.

The party began at about eight fifteen with a sing-song led by Doreen Simmermon. A very much enjoyed play followed this. Personnel of the play were Norma Gultner, Malcolm Frickleton, Elvina Sonoff, Darrel Hockett, Charlotte Milne, and Arnold Enger. After the play Doreen took over again and presented a good program of games. Some of the games were "Spring Millinery" or as the boys call it the "Hat Derby," "Elopement Relay," and "Bonnet Relay."

The floor was then cleared and they danced to the music of Carl and Elvina Sonoff.

The dancers were treated to the variety dances. The winners of these dances were: Jean Larson and Stan Pierce of Irma. Spot Dance: Mary Wear, Wainwright and Arnold Enger, Irma, waltz contest: Norma Gultner and Arnold Enger of Irma, jitterbug contest. A delicious lunch was served and they then danced for another fifteen minutes. Jesse Harding of Wainwright expressed their thanks for the party.

### WORD FROM MRS. J.P. GUBBINS EARLY SETTLER OF IRMA

We were very glad to hear last week from Mrs. J. P. Gubbins of Bliss, N.Y., U.S.A. Mrs. Gubbins was one of the earliest settlers in this district and was formerly Miss Clara Sellers who with her mother and brother, homesteaded in the early days on the land now farmed by Martin Enger.

Mrs. Gubbins sent the following poem which she says expresses her feelings pretty well in regard to The Times which she has taken regularly during the sixteen years since she left Irma.

### THE OLD HOME PAPER

(By Edgar Guest)

It's like a smiling, friendly face,  
It's like a voice you long have known;

You see it in some friendly place,  
And rush to claim it for your own.  
The paper from your old home town

Has bridged the long and dreary miles  
And with it you can settle down  
Among familiar tears and smiles.

It speaks for every friend you know,  
It tells of scenes you yearn to see,  
It brings back joys of long ago.

And tells of joys that are to be,  
And as you run its columns o'er,  
Your yesteryears come trooping back.

You fancy you're at home once more,  
And golden seems the letters black.  
Its speech is one you understand,

It tells of grief that you can share,  
It brings you in that foreign land  
Glad messages that banish care.

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## The Coarse Grain Controversy

Mr. Stuart Garson, Premier of Manitoba, has written a pamphlet entitled "MANITOBA'S POSITION ON OATS AND BARLEY MARKETING." Those who are interested in this highly controversial subject would do well to read this most informative booklet which sets out all sides of the subject. Copies can be secured from Room 204, Legislative Buildings, Winnipeg. Each of our Elevator Agents has a copy which may be consulted.

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